Traditional Health Worker (THW) Help Session

Traditional Health Worker (THW) types

- Birth Doula
- Community Health Worker (CHW)
- Peer Support Specialist (PSS)
- Peer Wellness Specialist (PWS)
- Personal Health Navigators (PHN)

Traditional Health Worker (THW) sub-types

Peer Support Specialist (PSS)	Adult Addictions
	Adult Mental Health
	Youth Support
	Family Support
Peer Wellness Specialist (PWS)	Adult Addictions
	Adult Mental Health
	Youth Support
	Family Support

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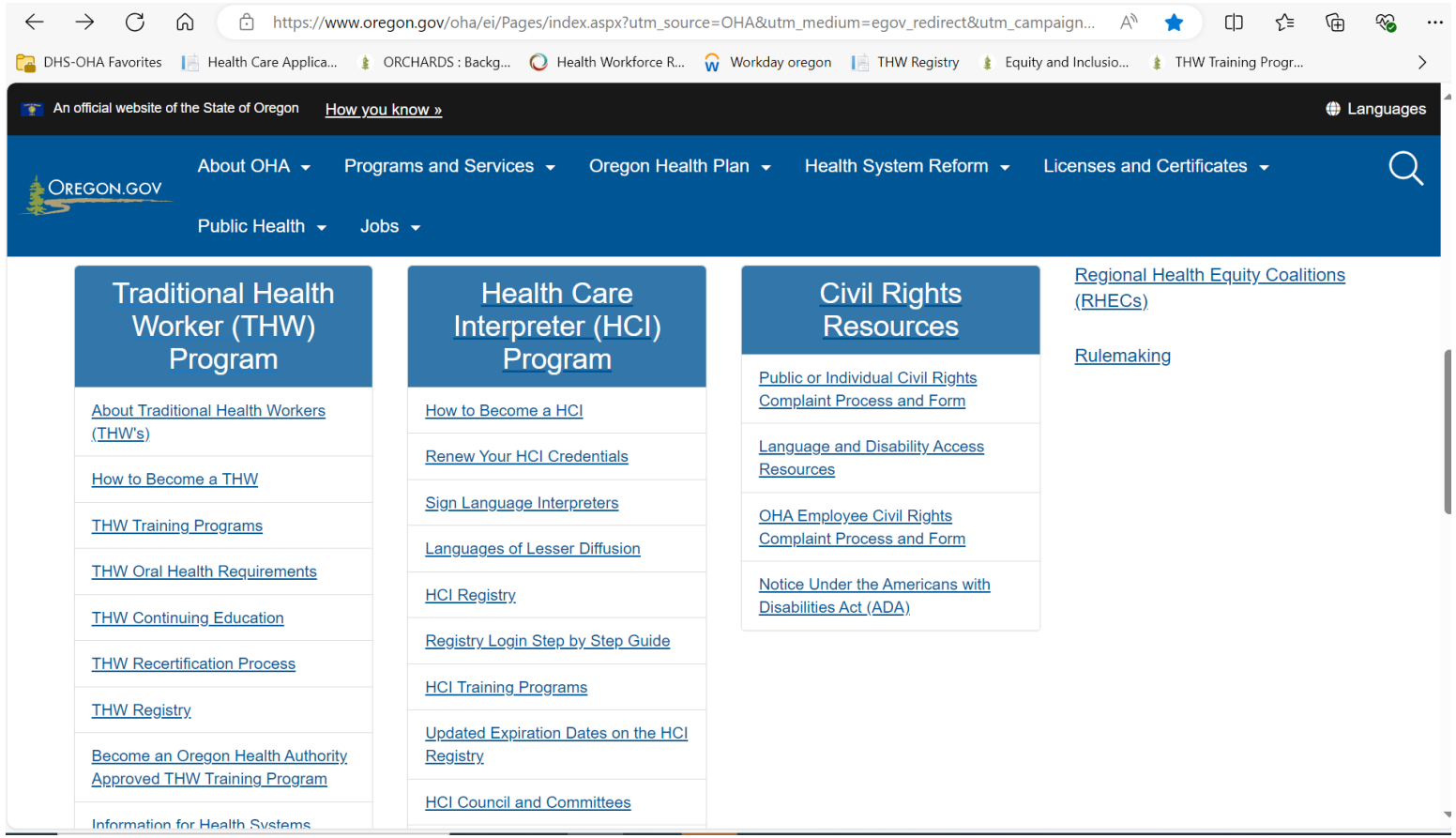

Equity and Inclusion Webpage

How to Become a THW

OHA Approved THW Training Programs

Re-Certification Process

Becoming an OHA Approved Training Program

Oral Health Requirements

Suicide Prevention Training Requirements

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Oregon Health Authority
EQUITY AND INCLUSION DIVISION

Health Workforce Registry

Applicant Portal

Sign In or Sign Up

Introduction

Oregon Health Authority, Health Workforce Registry Applicant Portal is an efficient platform for applicants to apply, track, and manage certification for Traditional Health Workers and credentialing for Health Care Interpreters.

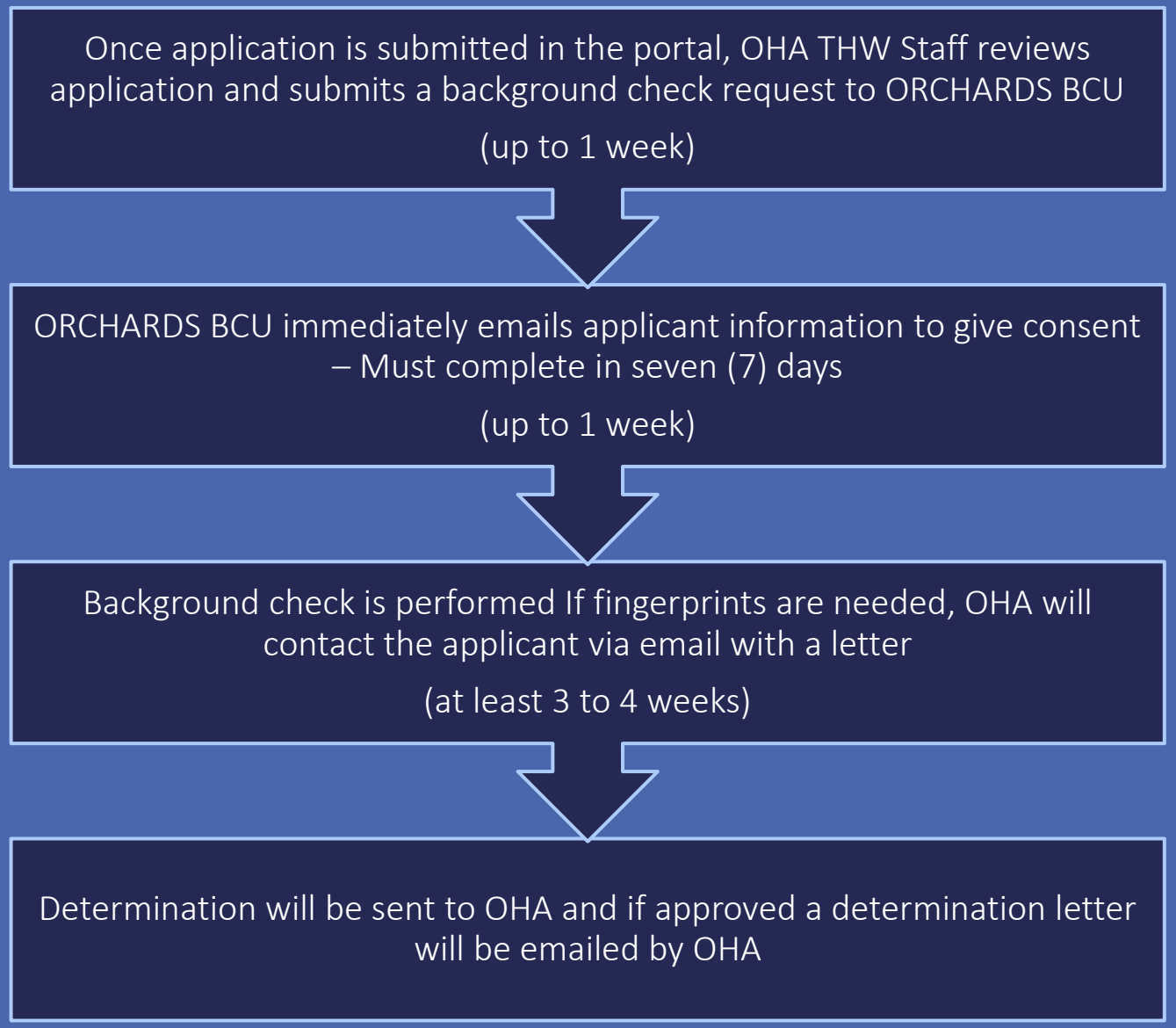
You can now create a new or renewal Traditional Health Worker application using this portal.

Both Traditional Health Workers and Health Care Interpreters can view and update their

Steps in the Application Process

- Create account in Health Workforce Registry
- Complete a new or recertification application in registry
- OHA THW Staff reviews application for completeness and submits a background check request to ORCHARDS BCU
- ORCHARDS BCU emails applicant information to give consent
- Background check is performed (If fingerprints are needed, OHA THW staff will email fingerprint letter)
- Determination will be sent to OHA THW Staff and they will email a determination letter to applicant

Estimated Timeline (total 4 to 6 weeks)



Need to Know

You only have SEVEN (7) days to log in to the ORCHARDS BCU applicant portal and give your consent to run your background check

Not everyone will need to get fingerprinted

If you are asked to get fingerprints, you have SEVEN (7) days from letter date to get your fingerprints taken

Check your junk/spam folders! ORCHARDS BCU and OHA THW emails often get sent there

Applications in English need to be entered in the portal. All applications in other languages can still be emailed to the thw.program@odhsoha.oregon.gov email address

Reminders

1. Recertification applications require the completion of:
   - The Continuing Education Requirements for each worker type
   - 1.5 hours of OHA Approved Oral Health Training
   - Three (3) hours of OHA Approved Suicide Prevention Training
   - If certification has lapsed more than 6 months, you can a complete competency skills test
2. You cannot use CEUs for more than one worker type
   - The exception is the oral health training and suicide prevention training

Other Important Information…

OHA THW Program

- Does not process background checks nor appeals
- Has no access to background check results
- Cannot submit consent for you

BCU ORCHARDS

- Is a separate division – shared services between agencies
- Has separate portal
- Processes background check appeals

Tips

Use a computer or a laptop to give consent if it is not working on your phone

Submitting the “weigh-test” documents during the background consent process is the most favorable for a quicker background check turnaround

If additional supplemental documents are needed by ORCHARDS BCU, you can send to the thw.program@odhsoha.oregon.gov email address and staff are able to upload for you

Don’t forget to include your Oral Health Certificate with the hours indicated. Make sure it has your name on it.

Questions? Contact us

Email:
thw.program@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Voicemail: 971-673-3353

Our phone number connects to a messaging service and does not connect to directly to staff.

Tips:

The fastest way to receive a response is to email us